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MEDIUM THEREFOR

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action Due dated June 6, 2002. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Please amend this application as follows. An appendix included herewith shows the claim amendments by deletions and interlineations.

In The Claims

Please amend claims 25-27 to recite the following:

25. (Amended) A speech synthesizing apparatus comprising:
storage means for storing plural items of phoneme data,
wherein each item of phoneme data includes an attribute value for phoneme
environment, phoneme boundary and fundamental frequency, power and phoneme duration;

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